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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Osypka et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,563

Filed: July 24, 2001

For: **APPARATUS FOR  
VASCULAR ACCESS**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks for consideration by the Examiner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:  
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(Amended) The elongated cylindrical plug body 110 has an outer diameter  $D_2$  that is substantially equal to an inside diameter  $D_1$  of the lumen 128 of the vascular access port 120. Therefore, when the plug body 110 is inserted into the lumen


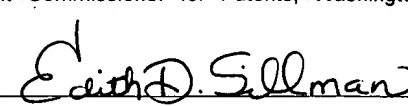
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>			Docket No. 695716.0016 (OSCO-114)		
Applicant(s): Osypka et al.					
Serial No. 09/911,563	Filing Date 07/24/2001	Examiner Assadi, Kathryn L.	Group Art Unit 3763		
Invention: <b>APPARATUS FOR VASCULAR ACCESS</b>					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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